

May 25th

1863

My Dear Friends it is with much pleasure that I take this opportunity to let you know



the living and it is if the times for to think of utter folly as we been in my in April last.

I can ever make and. but you must

not blame me for that because I have a quill for a pen and I am not used to it you know. I am I sure that Kate will laugh over much when you come to try whether y I must tell the time of oldest. I hope my break good terms when I went that I could some of the R when I went to write to me to Toronto (of w) and to please to write soon

It is estimated that as many as 15,000 Yankee's deserted to Canada from the army or to avoid the draft. I haven't been able to determine how many of these individuals ended up in Toronto.

Edward Elliot, the writer of this letter, served with the 5th Regiment of the Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment until he deserted to Toronto in 1862.

He is writing home to tell folks he is ok but broke – could they send money. This letter was written on May 25 1863, sent to an address in Warren Massachusetts and resent from Warren on June 2 1863 to his family.

What happened to him is not known.